

## **Town of Oak Bluffs - Select Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 4:30pm**

Present: Chair Brian Packish, Select Persons Jason Balboni, Gail Barmakian, Emma Green-Beach, Ryan Ruley. Also Present: Town Administrator Deborah Potter, Assistant Town Administrator Wendy Brough, Office Administrator Debra Alley, and Principle Assessor MacGregor Anderson.

**4:33 pm**      **Call Meeting to order**

**Public Announcements - None**

### **Approve January 11, 2022, Select Board Minutes**

Select Person Balboni moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Town Administrator Deborah Potter in Attendance, Seconded by Select Person Green-Beach.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(4-Aye)**

### **Department Head, Committees and Commission Updates**

Business License status update – Debra Alley

Firework Committee meeting update – Select Person Green-Beach

Select Board advised they would follow the consensus for the Firework Committee on setting the date Friday August 19, 2022.

Select Person Green-Beach was working with Deborah Potter to send out the RFP to companies for the actual fireworks later this week.

Amy Billings advised the Parks Committee representative Mr. Combra was working with the fireworks committee, they have held Ocean Park for the date.

### **Old/New Business**

#### **Discuss and possible vote on MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) letter – Supt. D’Andrea**

Mr. D’Andrea presented the letter of support, he noted the wording “good faith effort”. The MSBA is offering up to 38-40% Chair Person Packish clarified it is not 38% of the total project it is 38% of approved costs and square footage up to \$360 per square foot. Select Person Barmakian asked if the 38% was assured, Mr. D’Andrea said no you may receive up to 38%.

MacGregor Anderson Presentation – **Attached.**

Select Board members voiced their concerns about the funding formula currently used in relation to the Regional High School. In the future Oak Bluffs is going to have more affordable housing which will increase the number of students from Oak Bluffs, further impacting the amount the Town will pay.

Chairperson Packish said Select Board will work with Town Administrator Deborah Potter on writing an amended letter of support including wording about changing the capital formula for this capital project. The letter will be signed by Vice-Chair Ruley.

Select Person Balboni moved the Select Board would sign an amended letter, Seconded by Select Person Green-Beach.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

**Review, discuss and possible vote on Security Camera Policy for Town Buildings – ATA Wendy Brough**

Security cameras are being installed in the new town hall; cameras have not been used previously in town buildings. Select Person Balboni would like the policy to be reviewed by council before policy implemented.

Select Person Balboni moved the Select Board would sign a Security Camera Policy for Town Building once the policy had been reviewed by Town Council, motion seconded by Select Person Green-Beach.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

Amy Billings Parks Commission inquired about the possibility of using this policy if the Parks Commission adds security cameras or web cams in public places and parks.

Wendy Brough will do some due diligence and speak to Town Council about the policy required for utilization of security cameras in public places and Town Parks.

**Review and possible vote to approve letter of support for EOEEA / East Chop Grant application – ATA Wendy Brough**

Select Person Balboni moved the Select Board would vote to sign the letter of support for EOEEA, signed by Vice Chair Ruley Seconded by Select Person Barmakian.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

**Discuss and possible vote of appointment of two full time police officers. Officer Bobbie Distin and Officer Savanna Barnes – Chief Blake**

Select Person Balboni moved to appoint Officer Bobbie Distin as a full-time police officer with the Oak Bluffs Police Department, Seconded by Select Person Barmakian.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

Select Person Balboni moved to appoint Officer Savanna Barnes as a full-time police officer with the Oak Bluffs Police Department, Seconded by Select Person Barmakian.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

**Status update, discussion, and possible vote of the next steps on the North Bluff /Seaview Avenue Project - Craig Miller Waterfield Design Group**

Select Person Balboni moved to have Craig Miller from Waterfield Design Group to move the North Bluff Seaview project to The Martha’s Vineyard Commission, Seconded by Select Person Green-Beach and Select Person Ruley.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

**Review and discuss 30-day letter from Southern Tier 40B project. Mark Leonard (Planning Board), Phillippe Jordi (Island Housing Trust)**

Discussions about the number of units which will be included in phase one, due to increased impact on the wastewater. Martha’s Vineyard Commission and Town of Oak Bluffs have different levels of nitrogen allowed under the CWMP.

Deborah Potter and Select Person Barmakian will work on a letter with Mark Leonard (Planning Board) and Phillippe Jordi (Island Housing Trust) signed by Vice Chair Ruley.

**Appointments**

Streetscape Project Review Committee Citizens Representative.

- Kathy Laskowski – off island until March
- Christina Izzo
- Tommye-Ann Brown

Select Person Balboni moved to appoint Kathy Laskowski, Christina Izzo and Tommye-Anne Brown to the Streetscape Project Review Committee, Seconded Select Person Barmakian.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

Fireworks Working Group

- Christina Izzo

Select Person Balboni moved to appoint **Christina Izzo** to the Fireworks Working Group, Seconded Select Person Barmakian.

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

Historical Commission

- Kathy Laskowski
- Tommye-Ann Brown

Select Person Balboni- Kathy Laskowski, Select Person Barmakian - Tommye-Ann Brown,  
Select Person Green-Beach- Tommye-Ann Brown, Select Person Ruley- Kathy Laskowski,  
Chair Packish - Kathy Laskowski

**Kathy Laskowski appointed**

**TA/ATA Report - Attached**

**Public Comment**

Ms. Maura McGroarty asked about other Towns and the standing / feelings on the funding formula for High School. Welcome the female office to the Oak Bluffs Police Department. Ms. McGroarty asked the year the grant was approved at the Town Meeting.

**Executive Session**

Select Person Balboni motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of

1. Review and possible vote on Executive Session Minutes of January 11, 2022
2. In accordance with M.G.L Ch 30A Sect 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and
3. In accordance with M.G.L Ch 30A Sect 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices or strategies with respect thereto

and to not reconvene in open session.

Seconded by Select Person Barmakian

Roll-Call Vote: Select Person Balboni-Aye, Select Person Barmakian – Aye, Select Person Green-Beach- Aye, Select Person Ruley- Aye, Chair Packish- Aye. **(5-Aye)**

**Adjourn 6:58 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Debra Alley – Office Administrator**